

(54) Title: APPARATUS FOR THE ASSESSMENT OF MATTRESSES

(57) Abstract

Apparatus is described for objectively testing the condition of a support surface such as mattress. The apparatus comprises a frame (8, 21, 22) for extending over the support surface, an indenter (5) mounted on said frame and a load sensor (4) disposed between the indenter and the frame, manually operated means (6) for pressing the indenter into the support surface, displacement measuring means for measuring the movement of the indenter into the support surface and data processing means (7) for analysing the force applied to the indenter in relation to the displacement of the indenter into the support surface.